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## **Trout harvest begins Feb. 1**

Trout lakes in Jackson, Farmington and Perryville are stocked and ready.

Cape Girardeau, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) says trout may be harvested from Rotary Lake in Jackson, Giessing Lake in Farmington and Legion Lake in Perryville beginning Feb. 1.

According to MDC Fisheries Management Biologist Mike Reed, fishing has been very good this winter due to relatively warm temperatures. Anglers have reported success at all three lakes using a variety of artificial lures and flies.

“If the lakes don’t freeze we should have an excellent opener to the trout harvest season at all three lakes,” Reed said.

Reed said MDC stocked trout in November at the start of the catch-and-release season.

“These fish provide a tremendous amount of fishing opportunity through the fall and winter months when warm water fishing is at a lull,” Reed said, adding that in addition to catchable-size fish, a few “lunker” trout were also stocked at each lake.

Reed reminds anglers they must release trout caught now through Jan. 31.

Starting Feb. 1, any bait may be used and four trout may be kept regardless of size. All anglers between the ages of 16 and 64 must have a valid Missouri fishing permit and any angler harvesting trout must possess a trout permit as well.

“An amazing number of trout can typically be caught the first week of trout harvest season,” Reed said.

Many anglers frequently catch limits of trout using light weight or ultra-light fishing tackle or fly tackle. Reed recommends anglers use 2-4 lb. test line, small hooks and little or no added weight to their line. Popular baits include almost any type of small spinner, small crank baits, natural baits such as worms and cheese, and commercially produced dough baits.

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### **Eagle Days event near Puxico is canceled, but eagles can still be viewed independently**

Bald eagles are starting to nest across southeast Missouri and can be seen along area waterways.

Puxico, Missouri - The Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), and U.S. Corps of Engineers have canceled the Eagle Days event scheduled for Friday, Feb. 1, and Saturday, Feb. 2, at MINGO National Wildlife Refuge, Duck Creek Conservation Area (CA) and Wappapello Lake, due to the current federal government shutdown.

“It’s unfortunate that we had to cancel the event, but people may still drive onto these and other areas to view eagles on their own,” said Sara Bradshaw, a MDC education consultant and one of the Eagle Days organizers. “The eagles are active on the areas and viewable in several locations with the use of binoculars.”

Eagles are starting to nest across Southeast Missouri and can also be viewed at Ten Mile Pond CA or anywhere along the Mississippi River and other waterways. Bald eagles are usually seen near lakes, rivers, and marshes as they forage for fish or carrion. The bald eagle’s return to the lower 48 states is a continued conservation success story. Although historically about 20,000 pairs nested in the United States, by the 1950s only about 3,000 pairs were nesting. Today, over 10,000 pairs nest in the United States annually, including about 200 in Missouri, as of 2010.

Mature bald eagles have a dark brown body with white head and tail, which makes identification simple. The large, hooked bill, strong talons, and irises of the eyes are yellow. Females are larger than males, but otherwise the sexes look alike. In flight, bald eagles soar on rising warm air currents on flattened wings, not holding them V-shaped. Juveniles are all brown, with white speckles. Adult bald eagles can grow up to 36 inches in length with a wingspan of up to 84 inches.

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## Bernie JV Advance to the SCAA Championship on Friday Night

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Bernie junior varsity Mules took care of business in the semifinal game of the SCAA boys basketball tournament on Thursday evening beating the Wildcats 63-36.

Three Mules were in double digits. Johnny Vaughn had a game-high 18 points on six field goals and two treys.

Noah Foster tallied 15 points and Tyler Suiter recorded 10 points.

Bloomfield's Lane Bader finished with a team-high 12 points on six buckets.

Bernie will play the Dexter JV Bearcats on Friday, January 25th at 7:00 p.m. in the Championship game.

Bloomfield will play the Woodland JV Cardinals for 3rd place at 4:00 p.m.

Final Score Bernie JV 63, Bloomfield JV 36

Bernie 12 19 16 16 - 63

Bloomfield 10 9 10 7 - 36

Bernie (63) - Johnny Vaughn 18, Kamden Powell 6, Brent Gage 6, Tyler Suiter 10, Noah Foster 15, Wyatt Nimmo 8. FG 27, FT 3/3, F 16. (3-pointers: Vaughn 2, Powell 2, Gage 2. Fouled Out: None)

Bloomfield (36) - Connor Scott 5, Bryant Vaughn 5, Gavin Chasteen 1, Colton Hyslop 5, Jeffrey Jarrell 6, Andrew Francis 2, Lane Bader 12. FG 13, FT 6/11, Fouled Out: None)

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## Dexter JV Take Down Woodland JV for the Win!

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The Dexter JV Bearcats jumped out to an early lead over the Woodland JV Cardinals in Game #6 of the Stoddard County Athletic Association (SCAA) Boys Basketball Tournament on Thursday, January 24, 2019.

By the end of the first period the Bearcats led 15-9, at the end of the second it was 38 -16, going into the fourth quarter they were ahead 56-23 with a running mercy clock. Final score was 67-31 eliminated Woodland in the semifinal game. Dexter will play in the championship against Bernie JV on Friday night at 7 p.m.

Jackson Allen had a game-high 20 points for the Bearcats. He hit six 3-pointers and one bucket.

Dexter tallied 19 treys in the game, 12 in the first half!

Nine other Bearcats accounted for the other 47 points.

Woodland's Josh Duncan tallied a team-high 12 points on 6 buckets.

Final Score #1 Dexter JV 67, #4 Woodland JV 31

Dexter 15 23 18 11 - 67

Woodland 9 8 6 8 - 31

Dexter (67) - Jackson Allen 20, Carter Dorton 6, Cy Worley 3, Maddox Miller 4, Dylan Sitze 6, Peyton Driskill 9, Ryder Boles 6, Braxton Greenfield 5, Riley Slusher 6, Austin Daniels 3. FG 23, FT 2/4 F 4. (3-pointers: Allen 6, Dorton 2, Worley 1, Miller 1, Sitze 2, Driskill 2, Boles 2, Greenfield 1, Slusher 2. Fouled Out: None).

Woodland (31) - Dominic Meek 6, Juhwan Bahk 2, Kolin Skinner 2, Josh Duncan 12, Rafe Johnson 2, Trenton Braswell 7. FG 14, FT 1/5, F 4. (3-pointers: Meek 2. Fouled Out: None)

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Bloomfield, Missouri - The #1 seeded Dexter Bearcats eliminated the #8 seeded Bell City Cubs 86-29 in Game #5 of the SCAA BB Tournament on Tuesday evening.

Dexter led in all four quarters 24-11 at the end of one, 24-3 by half-time, 28-7 at the end of the third period, and 10-8 in the fourth.

All 10 Bearcats scored in the first half against the Cubs.

Nate Gargas recorded a game-high 16 points.

Andrew Ellinghouse tallied 12 points.

Eric Hahn finished with 12 points.

Ethan Kincy also hit double digits with 10 points.

Jack Duenne recorded 12 points for the Cubs all on treys.

Dexter continued to pull away in the third period, extending their lead to 76-21 by the start of the fourth quarter where the clock ran continuously because of the 30-point mercy rule.

Final Score Dexter 86, Bell City 29

Dexter 24 24 28 10 - 86

Bell City 11 3 7 8 - 29

Dexter (86) - Andrew Ellinghouse 12, Logan Wyman 9, Nate Gargas 16, Eric Hahn 12, Spencer Warren 2, Haden Hillis 7, Seth Rogers 6, Braxton Foster 6, Garrett Henson 6, Ethan Kincy 10. FG 34, FT 10/21, F 5. (3-pointers: Ellinghouse 2, Wyman 1, Gargas 2, Hahn 2, Hillis 1. Fouled Out: None).

Bell City (29) - Austin Hunt 6, Jack Duenne 12, Nate Stone 7, Ayden Anshultz 4. FG 11, FT 2/3, F 17. (3-pointers: Hunt 1, Duenne 4. Fouled Out: None).

The Bearcats (10-6) will face Richland (9-6) in the semifinals at 7 p.m. Thursday. Bell City (0-15) was eliminated from the tournament.

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